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SENATE BILL 39

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GOULD'S
TURKEY ENHANCEMENT PERMITS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 17, Article 3 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ GOULD'S TURKEY ENHANCEMENT PERMITS--
ISSUANCE--USE. --

A. The state game commission may direct the
department of game and fish to authorize Gould's turkey
enhancement permits for the taking of Gould's turkeys,
Meleagris gallopavo mexicana, to raise funds for programs and
projects to better manage the Gould's turkey population in New
Mexico.

B. The state game commission shall prescribe by

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1 rule the form, design and manner of issuance of the Gould's
2 turkey enhancement permits. The issuance of the permits shall
3 be subject to a lottery or auction. Such allotment of the
4 permits may be conducted by an incorporated nonprofit
5 organization dedicated to conservation of wildlife, in
6 cooperation with and overseen by the commission and the
7 department of game and fish.

8 C. The state game commission shall direct the
9 department of game and fish to authorize Gould's turkey
10 enhancement permits only after the department has documented
11 that the issuance of each enhancement permit will not
12 jeopardize the prospects for the survival and recruitment of
13 the Gould's turkey within New Mexico.

14 D. Gould's turkey enhancement permits shall be
15 authorized only when doing so does not conflict with the
16 Wildlife Conservation Act or any rules implementing that act.

17 E. Money collected from the issuance and sale of
18 the Gould's turkey enhancement permits shall be credited to the
19 game protection fund to be used exclusively for the restoration
20 and management of Gould's turkeys and Gould's turkey habitats,
21 which support a variety of other unique and rare wildlife of
22 southwestern New Mexico. "

23 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
24 provisions of this act is July 1, 2005.